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PARTY SPLIT

A recent poll of state chairmen of the Democratic party revealed that the party is about equally divided on the hot civil rights question. One of the wire services polled the Democratic state chairmen on the specific question of the civil rights plank in the 1960 platform.

Democratic chairmen in eighteen states took a no-compromise attitude, and are apparently ready to go along in this vein whether it causes a walk-out among Southerners at the 1960 convention or not. Eleven Southern chairmen were solidly against the party's taking any stronger position than it did two years ago—particularly on school integration. Another eleven chairmen, mostly in the mid-West, said Southern views should be considered in writing the platform.

It is interesting to note that Vermont and New Hampshire state chairmen sympathize with the Southern viewpoint, and are among those who are willing to go along with last year's civil right's plank.

In general, the South received impressive support from more than half of those state chairmen who answered.

But those who would have no compromise are the chairmen from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dokota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Missouri, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, and California. Thus the stage is set for another battle on this controversial issue at the 1960 convention.

It should be kept in mind of course, that party platforms are written to run on and that no major par ty has ever yet been able to live up to the idealistic pledges of its campaign platform.

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LOOK UP AT THE SKY

The nights are getting colder, and are often quite clear, and there is much to learn outside — if you will take the time to study the heavens briefly. This time of year is an excellent time to study stars because, beginning in December, the brightest of all the stars begins to grace the southeastern sky.

During the last month of the year the Big Dipper drags its tail along the northern horizon, as low as it ever gets (those in the southern part of the United States sometimes cannot even see the end stars of the handle, which disappear bel ow the horizon.

Just for a brief outing some night, we suggest you seek out the two brightest stars, or at least one of them, and two major constellations, for a beneficial lesson in astronomy.

On a clear night, at about 9:00 P. M., go outside and look up at the sky. Almost due north you will see the Big Dipper, with its handle almost on the horizon, and its two cuplip stars pointing to the North Star. The North Star is at the end of the handle of the Little Dipper, and you can follow that down. In looking at the cup of the Little Dipper, you will have fixed your eyes on an area where another major constellation can be outlined.

It is Draco the Dragon. This constellation has a long tail, beginning with stars between the cup of the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper, and extending around the cup of the Little Dipper, and on up above the horizon into the sky, then sharply down again to the four-star, squarish head of Draco.

Now, to find the second brightest star in the heavens, move your eyes just a little toward the west, from the head of Draco, and you will see Vega. Vega blazes away on the northwestern horizon and is very conspicuous.

Now, as a final test, take your eyes to the exact opposite horizon, the southeast, and you may be able to see the brighest star in the ,however, Sirius may not be found on the first try, but it will soon begin to dominate the southeastern sky as December wears on, as Vega is gradually sinking from view in the west.

Therefore, you may mistake Procyon for Sirius until well in December. This can be avoided by remembering that Procyon is almost due east, while Sirius is about a third of the way from east toward the south, or east by southeast.

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An enemy who becomes a friend is usually a real friend.

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More than one person has become wealthy merely by being polite.

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The man who refuses to take a rest until he gets sick, usually gets sick.

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The enthusiasm of a salesman is directly proportionate to his percentage.

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You can get by with almost anything if you say it with a smile and mean no offense.

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Political experts who could see a trend are now pointing out the mandate of the election.

Washington Notes

On Barter Goods

President Eisenhower has approved an expanded list of strategical minerals that the Agricultural Department may seek abroad in barter transactions.

The strategic materials would be traded for surplus farm commodities and added to the United States stockpile of strategic goods.

Draft Rejection Increase

The Army's rate of rejection for Selectiv, Service registrants has increased about 10 per cent as a result of higher standards made effective last August.

However, there has been no increase in the draft calls, which are running about 11,000 a month.

N.L.R.B. And Pickets

The National Labor Relations Board has ruled that a striking union must tell other workers on the same job the purpose of its walkout to avoid an illegal secondary boycott.

In a 2-to-1 decision, the board said that the appearance of a picket at a work project was often regarded as a "strike signal" by members of other unions unless they were advised otherwise.

To Spur Latin Aid

The United States has made two proposals to stimulate private foreign investment and improve public development programs in Latin America.

The United States has suggested that a technical services staff be attached to the regional development loan institution the Organization of American States is planning.

The U. S. has also said it was ready to negotiate treaties so private United States investors would no longer have to pay to their own government the equivalent of tax concessions granted by Latin-American countries as incentives to investment.

Missile Fueled By Air?

The Air Force has disclosed that it is working on a missile that would fly on fuels scooped from the atmosphere. It would be propelled by atomic oxygen.

The service has released a report, made available to science and industry.

U. S. Attitude Changes

Officials in Washington believe the Berlin situation will get worse before it gets better.

The attitude at the Pentagon and the State Department appears to have changed somewhat. Now there is less tendency to "wait and see" and a little more inclination to concede that a major Soviet move in Germany is developing.

Science Exchange Set

According to a recent statement by the Public Health Service, six United States scientists will study neurological services in the Soviet Union.

A group of Soviet specialists will make a similar study in this country later.

Space Monkeys

The Air Force has revealed that two-pound monkeys were being prepared for space flight. It said some of them would be ready to go into orbit by the middle of next year.

Brig. Gen. Donald D. Flickinger, director of life science for the Air Research and Development Command, said some space experiments with smaller animals might be conducted sooner if rocket space were made available.

Personal Income Off

Personal income declined slightly in October after rising for several straight months, the Commerce Department has reported. The drop was attributed to labor disputes in some major industries.

Good Advice

It's fine to believe in yourself, but don't be too easily convinced. —The Tester, Patuxent River, Md.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

One Man's Hen is Another Man's Rooster

My last column was about Whitey Fisher and his chicken farm—and now Whitey has made news again.

Whitey entertained some folks from the city last weekend and they toured his modern barn. The visitors asked all sorts of questions. The best was: "How do you tell if the two-day-old chicks are hens or roosters?"

"Easy," answered Whitey. "Just take the chicks one at a time. Place some corn meal in front of it. If *she* eats it, she's a hen. If *he* eats it, he's a rooster."

From where I sit, some answers that sound like they make sense turn out to be the silliest of all. For instance, a friend recently objected to *my* choice of a glass of beer with supper. When I asked him why, he replied: "I've had *only* coffee with my dinner for the last twenty years." Now that's not only *silly*—it's intolerant too. Neighbors ought to tend to the "eggs in their own baskets."

Joe Marsh

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busy getting their ter and sawing their

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson and Lieut. L. H. Watson, Jr., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Saturday.

Thanksgiving passed off very nicely, and there were many homecomings.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Moses and Mrs. Weaver, of Baltimore, were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Saturday.

Bonn suggest plan for talks on Germany.

Beckham

Beckham, Dec. 2.- Mr. and Mrs. Herman R. Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Martin Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Raymond Hamilton, of Richmond spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. C. A. Moore and H. C. Moore and family.

Mrs. Abner Martin, Phil and Patricia, of Richmond are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Ronnie and Carolyn Jo, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Martin, Mr. Abner Martin is spending the week with Mrs. T. M. Martin and Miss Eunice Martin.

Mr. Houston Moore was the killer of an eight-point deer on Friday. Mr. John Moore killed a deer last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mays visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore Sunday afternoon.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin and Gloria were Mrs. J. T. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Morris, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Martin, Mrs. Abner Grow, Mr. and Mrs. Evans Ferguson and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Martin, Faye and Janet, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Carolyn Jo, and Ronald Kent.

Mrs. L. E. Martin, accompanied by Mrs. Fletcher Burge, Jr., Judy and Ricky, and Mrs. Ashby Martin visited Mrs. Larry Yeatts and family in Crewe today.

Mrs. Robert Morris, Mrs. Abner Martin and Mrs. Everette Moore attended the meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Trinity Methodist Church in the home of Mrs. David Martin Monday night.

Mr. Butler Moore and George Bray, of Norfolk are spending some time with his brother, Howard R. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Martin and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Allan Moore and baby, Deborah Kay Sunday afternoon.

Oakville

Oakville, Dec. 2.- The children had a nice vacation, as school was out last Wednesday and opened on Monday.

Thanksgiving day Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Coleman had as their dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Lewis and Rickie; Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr. and boys, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Marshall, Kathy and Doug, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson, Bill and Betty Joe.

The relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith welcomed them into their new home with a gift Saturday night. They received many useful gifts.

Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr., Mrs. Lula Martin and Mrs. Clarke Moore called in to see Mr. and Mrs. Kinckle Martin. They are both on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moore and Jane Ann, of Beckley, West Va., spent Thanksgiving and the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Ellen Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Slade, of West Va., spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Arlene Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Moore were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr., Saturday evening.

Sweden urges more Scandinavian trade with Reds.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

What are the omnious directions for winds to blow from? Can useful weather information be obtained from the use of a wind vane only?

The worst weather in the United States often follows winds out of the east or north. Yes, it is possible to detect valuable clues about the weather using only a wind vane. If one will combine the vane with a barometer, the accuracy of predictions will be raised many times.

However, with only a wind vane, be suspicious of a wind change from the east to the north. If the sky looks threatening (or a barometer reading shows pressure falling) you might well be in for a bad storm.

Likewise, a wind changing from south to east is often a bad omen. Remember that bad weather systems in this country (low pressure areas) move counter clockwise, and drift eastward. Wind changes often reveal what section of this circular movement you are then in.

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Clemson defeats Furman in final game of regular season and accepts invitation to meet LSU in the Sugar Bowl.

MISS BURKEY'S 4-H CLUB

Miss Burkey's 4-H Club held its November meeting, with Mr. Jim Smith in charge. He showed a killing jar and an insect collection box. He told o fthings to put in books.

The following officers were elected:

President, Nancy Jane Abbitt
Vice-presidentfi Joyce Carter
Secretary, Walton Pankey
Reporter, Mary Lou Martin
Song leaders: Janet Susan Moses and Judy McKinney.

Colleges got started this week on basketball schedule.

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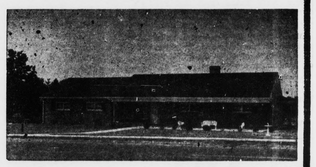

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